States|UTs for introduction of vocational courses at —2 level. The scheme is substantially funded by the Centre. The scheme provides for an elaborate management structure at the Central, State, District and Institutional levels, adequate technical support to the programme by strengthening institutions like SCERTs, provision of necessary equipment and construction of worksheds for vocatioal courses in schools, training of vocational teachers, development of curriculum and teaching-learning materials, conduct of district vocational surveys to assess the employment potential in different areas, etc. During 1987-88, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 32.26 crores has been sanctioned to 18 States|UTs.

High Berthing charges in fishing harbours

2552. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Paradip Port authorities had seized various fishing vessels due to non-payment of dues by them;

(b) whether representations have been made to Government that authorities are oppressively levying high duties;

(c) what are the names of associations who have represented against high berthing charges in fishing harbours; and

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce costs of operation and management in fishery harbours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Paradip Port authorities had seized some fishing vessels in 1982 due to non-payment of dues. No representation regarding the rates in Paradip has been received by Government.

(c) A representation from the National Fishing Trawlers and Allied Industries Association, Visakhapatnam has been received.

(d) The possibility of cost reduction is limited as the cost of operations and management in fishery harbours shows a tendency to increase because of increasing costs of all inputs.

Permission for installation of shrimp fishing devices along east coast

2553. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations regarding the laxity of Director General of Shipping in the iplementation of rules for fishing vessels;

(b) what are the reasons for permission by DG Shipping to the multipurpose fishing vessels to illegally instal shrimp fishing devices along the East Coast;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Shipping has not directed the local MMD officers to implement the law in this matter;

(d) whether any enquiry has been ordered into the matter; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Complaints that D.G. Shipping has not taken action against the installation of certain fishing devices have been received.

(b) to (e) No permission has been granted by D.G. Shipping to the multipurpose fishing vessels to instal shrimp fishing devices.

D.G. Shipping is concerned only with the technical seaworthiness tonnage measurement, availability of life saving appliances|fire fighting appliances, stability etc. of the fishing